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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: CAIRO 13615

1. PLEASE TELL FAHMY THAT I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THE POINTS HE HAS RAISED WITH YOU IN YOUR CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL. YOUR RESPONSE TO HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO A UNIFIED ARAB DELEGATION AS AN "ULTIMATUM" WAS RIGHT ON THE MARK. OUR ONLY MOTIVE IN URGING OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THIS IDEA IS TO TRY TO FIND SOME PRACTICAL WAY OF RESOLVING THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION PROBLEM. THE ISRAELIS HAVE SAID THAT THEY WILL NOT DEAL WITH PLO PALESTINIANS IN ANY FORM IN GENEVA. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS SINCE WE BELIEVE SOME WAY MUST BE FOUND FOR

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PALESTINIAN VIEWS TO BE EXPRESSED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE SEE NO REALISTIC POSSIBILITY THAT THE PLO COULD BE PRESENT AT GENEVA AS A SEPARATE DELEGATION WITH THE SAME STATUS AS SOVEREIGN STATE REPRESENTATIVES. WHAT WE ARE SEEKING IS SOME COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENT ON WHICH ALL THE ARABS COULD AGREE AND WHICH WE COULD HAVE A REALISTIC CHANCE OF PERSUADING THE ISRAELIS WAS A

REASONABLE PROPOSAL. IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT THE
UNIFIED ARAB DELEGATION IDEA IS THE MOST FEASIBLE ONE SO
FAR PROPOSED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO FAHMY'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION
OF OUR POSITION IF PLO ACCEPTS RESOLUTION 242 ALONG
THE LINES OF THE FORMULA I DISCUSSED WITH THE EGYPTIANS,
YOU MAY TELL FAHMY THE FOLLOWING. WE CANNOT, AS I
PREVIOUSLY HAVE SAID, UNILATERALLY ARRANGE FOR PLO
REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA SINCE THIS WILL REQUIRE THE
AGREEMENT OF ALL THE ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS. IF PLO
ACCEPTS RESOLUTION 242, HOWEVER, SO THAT WE CAN ENTER
INTO AN OFFICIAL DIALOGUE WITH IT, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD
INTRODUCE GREATER FLEXIBILITY INTO THE REPRESENTATION
QUESTION AND WOULD GIVE US SOMETHING TO WORK WITH IN OUR
EFFORTS TO FIND A MUTUALLY AGREED FORMULA FOR PALESTINIAN
PARTICIPATION. IN OTHER WORDS, WHILE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE
RESULTS IN ADVANCE, WE CAN ASSURE FAHMY THAT ONCE PLO
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CONTACTS WITH IT, OUR EFFORTS
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